



AYITEPA WIND FARM PROJECT NEWSLETTER

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Global Wind Day Event - 22nd June 2016 in Dawa

Students and teachers from twenty Junior High Schools from the Great Ningo Traditional Area cheerfully celebrated the Global Wind Day 2016 in Dawa. The students had been participating in a drawing contest sponsored by Lekela Power BV and organised by Upwind Ayitepa Ltd. with the topic of "Wind Energy for Ghana".

From each school, the best drawings had been selected and their creators, as well as representative teachers, had been invited to the event. The event was absolutely in the hands of the students themselves as they were in charge of the whole moderation and of doing the addresses. The students from FOTLOH Academy International School also presented recitals and the children choir together with a band and a dance group did traditional performances.

Previous to the event, NEK staff had ranked the forty drawings submitted by the school heads. During the event it was finally announced that **David Apedo** from **Nyigbenya DA School** won the contest. In the second rank was **Charlotte Odum** from **Ngmetsokope DA School**, and ranked third was **Aaron Tetteh** from **Old Ningo Presby School**. The first ten students were awarded with school materials, while the top three got a soccer ball and a school bag (see ranking list on page two).

The Ningo-Prampram District Education Director, Mrs Matilda Amy Quartey, handed over the prizes to the students. Mrs Quartey was glad to be part of the second Global Wind Day celebration which offered her the opportunity to learn much about the use of wind for the production of electrical power for Ghana. She thanked the wind promoters for their interest expressed in the education sector.

The event in Dawa was closed with a spectacular performance of the school children doing dancing and drumming of *okpli*, *kpatsa*, *kpalogo* and *gbekor*. Lekela and NEK are extending warm congratulations to the awarded students and would like to thank all the students, teachers and school heads involved.

For some impressions about the event, please check the pictures on the next page.

Introduction

You are warmly welcome to the sixth issue of our Ayitepa Wind Farm newsletter. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you updated on all development activities leading to the construction of the **225MW Wind Farm Project** at Ayitepa, Old Ningo in the Greater Accra Region of Ghana.

In this issue, Nene Kanor Atiapah III briefed His Excellency President J. D. Mahama on the 225MW Upwind Ayitepa Wind Farm Project. We also inform you of the second Global Wind Day celebration that took place at Dawa, the three (3) selected schools for refurbishment by Lekela Power BV and Mikael Schoultz for Lekela talks in an interview about the project and the last works before development will start.

Visit www.upwindayitepa.com and get abreast with the project updates. Please feel free to give us your feedback.



Best regards,

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Lekela Power supports the Refurbishment of three schools within Great Ningo

Lekela Power is the investor for the 225MW Upwind Ayitepa Wind Farm project. As part of the Community Investment Plan (CIP), it has, in consultation with the District Assembly and the Traditional Authorities, selected three (3) schools for refurbishment within the Great Ningo Traditional Area. The schools are the **Old Ningo DA Kindergarten School Block, Ayetepa DA Basic A School Block** and **Dawa DA School Block**.

Lekela is currently in the process of awarding the contract to a local company in close collaboration with the stakeholders as in line with providing local employment for the people.

Interview with Lekela's Business Developer

Mikael Schoultz is Lekela's Business Developer for Africa and therefore also in charge of the Ayitepa Wind Farm project. Mr Schoultz has a long background in project financing and businesses in the renewable energy sector.

Mr Schoultz, what is the current development status of the Ayitepa Wind Project?

The Ayitepa Project is in the later stages of development meaning we are nearing Financial Close following which we can start construction. Financial close is the milestone when the project has reached the stage where all financing is fully committed and would be fully ready for start of construction. All project contracts would have been signed and all required financing agreements have also been closed.

What is missing to reach the start of construction?

The outstanding milestones for the project include getting some key government agreements and aviation permit, finalising on the land acquisition process following land demarcation and performing a geotechnical study of the ground conditions which is required before the start of construction. The land registration and signing of land agreements is a critical milestone as it will allow the project to start preparing for construction as well as compensate those farming and using the land through the Livelihood Restoration Plan. This plan can only be prepared once the land is registered and we can identify those whose livelihoods may be affected by the project so we can offer them support and assistance to re-establish their livelihoods.

What are the main challenges you have been facing since working for this renewable energy project in Ghana?

Although we gain strong support by all stakeholders, the decision making process is sometimes challenging. This is causing delays in the project development progress. Our project provides a number of benefits for the country. One key benefit is the security of fuel supply – the fuel is free and does not negatively impact the government budget and it does not incur any challenges to be delivered. The project is relatively quick to install and could deliver the first power on the grid already 9 months after financial close.



Mikael Schoultz, Lekela (second from left) meeting H. E. John Dramani Mahama, President of the Republic of Ghana, and Nene Kanor Atiapah III, Mankralo and Acting President of the Ningo Traditional Area

Some impressions of the Global Wind Day in Dawa - June 2016



Ranking List of Drawing Contest (Rank/Student Name/School)

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| 1 st | David Apedo | Nyigbenya D/A Basic A |
| 2 nd | Charlotte Odum | Ngmetsokope D/A Basic |
| 3 rd | Aaron Tetteh | Old Ningo Presby B |
| 4 th | Belinda Vondey | Nyigbenya D/A Basic A |
| 5 th | Manneseh Martey | Lekpogunor Presby Basic |
| 6 th | Jeremiah Narh | Dawa D/A Basic |
| 7 th | Ameyaw Patrick Kwasi | Mangotsona D/A Basic |
| 8 th | Henry Angmonor | Fotloh Academy Int'l. |
| 9 th | Essau Narwotey | Ngmetsokope D/A Basic |
| 10 th | Francis Apedo | Dawa Presby D/A Basic |

His Excellency President John Dramani Mahama was briefed about 225 MW Wind Farm

The President of the Republic of Ghana, His Excellency John Dramani Mahama, on 14th of June, 2016 toured the Ningo-Prampam District in the Greater Accra Region to inspect the Saglemi Affordable Housing Project. During his visit, he commissioned a 1,500 housing unit at Ningo.

Upwind Ayitepa Ltd. took advantage of this visit and informed the President about the project status of the Ayitepa wind farm which will be located just a few kilometers South-East of the housing locations. Nene Kanor Atiapah III, Ag. President of the Ningo Traditional Council, informed the President and his ministers about the wind farm and pointed out the advantages of the project: "This pioneering project is not only the source of sustainable and clean electricity, which we desire so urgently, but it also generates a lot of additional employment, will attract modern farming technologies and other industries to the region and therefore increases the social and living standards in the surrounding communities", he stated. During the ceremony, representatives of Upwind Ayitepa Ltd. and Lekela, the investor and operator of the wind farm, had the chance to meet the President.

Upcoming Events

- * Customary Rites Performance and Non-Denominational Thanksgiving Service.
- * Clan Boundary Demarcation and Survey Exercise
- * Project Area Demarcation and Pillaring

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